

RESOLUTION 35-2005

RESOLUTION OF INTENT TO SUPPORT OF BOYD ANDREW PROVIDING A RESIDENTIAL METHAMPHETAMINE TREATMENT PROGRAM IN BOULDER

WHEREAS, the Jefferson County Commission pro-actively promotes increasing good employment opportunities that will help reduce the reliance on the employment in the natural resource industry; and

WHEREAS, Methamphetamine use and addiction is becoming an ever-increasing problem in society today. There are currently limited options available in Montana for individuals who need treatment for methamphetamine use and addiction. The establishment of a quality treatment program is needed that will assist individuals overcome addiction and allow them to once again be productive citizens.

WHEREAS, Jefferson County and the community of Boulder have had a long-standing successful relationship with human services businesses such as the Montana Developmental Center (MDT), Riverside Girls Correctional Center, and Alternative Youth Adventures (AYA). The area culture has demonstrated an acceptance and understanding of the unique requirements needed to successfully operate specialized human services programs.

WHEREAS, the Commission has a vested interest in the successful reutilization of the abandoned Boulder South Campus property for expanded economic development purposes. This property currently houses human services activities and has the capacity to add compatible similar type businesses. The continued development of this property will enhance the use of vacant land and buildings in the area while minimizing the potential for community blight; and

WHEREAS, the Commission has reviewed the Department of Corrections Request for Proposal (FRP) for a short-term methamphetamine treatment program; and

WHEREAS, Jefferson County and the community of Boulder have had a long-standing successful relationship with Boyd Andrew Community Services and the Commission is familiar with their proposal for a 60-bed, female, short-term methamphetamine treatment program; and

WHEREAS, the development of a methamphetamine treatment program at the Boulder South Campus provides an opportunity for Jefferson County to be a role model for similar type programs to be developed. This opportunity also has the potential to attract professional medical

skills related to the treatment program that could allow for expanded medical and dental services in the area that would benefit all residents.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Jefferson County Commission supports the placement of the female methamphetamine treatment center in the vicinity of the Boulder Montana South Campus.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Commission is willing to assist any interested party, who is submitting a proposal, with any necessary agency coordination or outside support that may be required.

DATED, this 29th day of November, 2005.

ATTEST:

**BONNIE RAMEY
CLERK AND RECORDER**

TOMAS E. LYTHGOE, CHAIR

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